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SUBJ: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC): CRITICAL
ISSUES

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1. I GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER AIDE-MEMOIRE ON ILO YESTERDAY.
WE HAD EARLIER GIVEN COPIES TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRIES.

2. AFTER I HAD MADE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN REFTEL, VAN DER
STOEL SAID THA GON SHARED USG CONCERNS OVER EGREGIOUS
TENDENCIES IN ILO AND THAT DUTCH WOULD BE PREPARED TO WORK
WITH US AND OTHERS TOWARD REMEDYING THEM. HE ADDED THAT HE
HOPED USG WOULD NOT BE DRIVEN TOWARD IRREVOCALBE DECISON TO
WITHDRAW AT THIS STAGE. I EXPLAINED THAT ULTIMATE USG POSITION
NOT YET FIXED, THAT WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY DEVELOPMENTS OVER
NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WOULD PARTICULARLY USE RESULTS OF FORTH-
COMING INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE AS GUIDE IN ARRIVING
AT CONSIDERED JUDGMENT.

3. DURING OUR EARLIER CNVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT IN MFA
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AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, GON OFFICALS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONSUTA-
TIONS IN GENEVA WULD BE RESUMED PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONDERENCDC.
BOTH MINISTRIES ARE HOPEFUL OF A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE, BUT WE
NOTED A DECIDED AIR OF PESSIMISM ABOUT THE OUTCOME.

4. ISRAELI RESOLUTION -DUTCH WILL WORK WITH US TO KEEP BOOK
CLOSED, BUT ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS. CLOSE VOTE BY

SECRET BALLOT IN GOVERNING BODY DOES NOT BODE WELL, AND THEY EXPECT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REVERSE DECISION IN PLENARY. THEY ARE ALSO FEARFUL THAT A NEW RESOLUTION MAY BE INTRODUCED.

5. ARTICLE 17- GON SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 AND PROPOSAL TO REFER TO STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE. ADVISOR TO WORKERS DELEGATE TOLD EMOFF THAT ADOPTION OF US SPONSORED AMENDMENT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR ILO. IF IT HELPED KEEP USG IN ALL THE BETTER, HE SAID. PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF AMENDMENT POINTS TOWARD NEED FOR CLARIFYING LANGUAGE. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS DECLARED RECEIVABLE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO SAME CRITERIA AS RESOLUTION ITSELF; WHEN A COUNTRY REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH AN INVESTIGATION WHICH FOLLOWS CORRECT ILO PROCEDURES, THERE SHOULD BE PROVISION FOR CONDEMNATION FOR NON COOPERATION.

6. STRUCTURE- DUTCH AGREE THAT DEFERRAL OF QUESTION WAS NEEDED. FOREIGN MIN OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE RESTRUCTURING IS NEEDED, PARTICULARLY REGARDING RELATIVE INFLUENCE OF 10 STATES OF CHIEF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE. COMMENTING THAT GON WOULD NOT DESERT USG ON THIS ISSUE NOW, THEY REMARKED THAT THEY WERE NOT CHANGING THEIR POSITION EITHER.

7. NETHERLANDS DELEGATES TO ILC:

G.M.J. VELDKAMP, GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND CHAIRMAN
J.W.S. PABON, GOVERNMENT DELEGATE
A. HORDIJK, WORKER DELEGATE
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